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SUBJ: PRECLEARANCE LEGISLATION

REF: NASSAU 0311

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED 18 APRIL
1977 FROM PERMSEC, MINEXTAFF:

I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 5TH APRIL, 1977 IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE LEGISLATION AND AMBASSADOR WEISS'
LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF THE 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1976. LEG-
ISLATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DRAFTED TO IMPLEMENT
THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS TO MAKE
IT AN OFFENCE UNDER BAHAMIAN LAW TO MAKE FALSE DECLARATIONS
TO UNITED STATES INSPECTION AGENTS IN THE BAHAMAS TO SECURE
PRECLEARANCE.

"IT WAS ALSO A PROVISION OF THE PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT
OF THE 23RD APRIL, 1974 TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEARCH OF
PASSENGERS SEEKING PRECLEARANCE BUT THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT
PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ARTICLE WHICH MAY NOT
BE IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRODUCED
BY SUCH SEARCH EXCEPT WHERE A FALSE DECLARATION IS MADE.
THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ARTICLES,
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THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH INTO THE UNITED STATES IS PROHIBITED,
WHEN SUCH ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY DECLARED BY A
PASSENGER. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES NO OFFENCE OF MAKING A
FALSE DECLARATION WILL HAVE BEEN COMMITTEE. IN THE DRAFT
LEGISLATION LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY THE EMBASSY THERE IS
CONTAINED A PROVISION TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSON
UPON PRESENTATION FOR PRECLEARANCE TO BE IN POSSESSION

OF ANY ARTICLES WHICH IS PROHIBITED FROM IMPORTATION
INTO THE UNITED STATES. WHILE IT IS AGREED THAT THIS
IS A SITUATION WHICH OUGHT TO REQUIRE TREATMENT IN THE
LEGISLATION, I WOULD WISH YOUR COMMENT ON TREATING THIS
KIND OF CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE THERE IS NO FALSE DECLARATION
BY GIVING THE INSPECTING OFFICER POWER TO REFUSE PRECLEARANCE
TO THAT PASSENGER. IT IS FELT THAT THIS WOULD BE A PROPER
WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION IN RESPECT OF ARTICLES
WHICH A PERSON MAY LAWFULLY BE IN POSSESSION OF IN THE
BAHAMAS BUT MAY NOT TAKE INTO THE UNITED STATES. /S/
O. S. RUSSELL, PERMANENT SECRETARY.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPT CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE
TREASURY OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE TO
GCOB'S LETTER.
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